Greetings!

Thank you to Ken for hosting our BBQ in October and thank you all that made the trek. It was wonderful to see you all. I heard the chicken was fantastic! (The secret? It was brined for an hour before I threw it on the grill).

I am writing to you all after reading comments from our fellow members. I had something else written but there was a comment that I wanted to address in a way that may be memorialized and perhaps read by someone that is looking for a club to join. Last month it seemed the club was only interested in the larger stations, the big scores, the whales so to speak. I assure you that isn't true. We support all scores being reported for NCCC. Large and Small. We cannot be a club if we do not support the smaller stations just as much as we support the larger stations. I know we have many members that do POTA and SOTA excursions that also happen to coincide with a contest, and they submit logs for both the contest and the other activities. In fact, I know if it weren't for some of those outings then we wouldn't have some of those scores at all. In addition, many of us have small lots, we can't put up towers. Others have events with family which make it so we cannot do the long butt in chair stints. However, we can get on the air and we can kick butt when we are there. Every point and every log matters. Do not think we do not want you to be active. As it is said:

"Do what you can, with what you've got, where you are"

– Theodor Roosevelt quoting Squire Bill Widener.

Now, the next thing I wanted to address is what is the state of the club. Sure, we have contests every weekend. Some you report under NCCC and some you report for another club. What else? That's up to you. It's also up to us. Us as a club. In the coming bit John, K6MM, and Chris, N6WM, will be sending a survey that matches a survey that was sent out years ago: What do you do, what would you like help with, and what can you help with. We cannot be supportive if we don't know where our strengths and weaknesses are. I hope you will fill that survey out and be honest about things.

I'm stepping off my pedestal but know that we can be successful if we work together. Every point and every log (including the dupes!)

KB in the next few contests! Hope to see you in the bands!

JIDX Phone Contest	0700Z, Nov 9 to 1300Z, Nov 10
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB	2100Z, Nov 16 to 0300Z, Nov 18
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Nov 23 to 2400Z, Nov 24
ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z, Dec 6 to 1600Z, Dec 8